

Senate Resolution 112

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the "12 for Life" program, the Carroll County School System,
2 and Southwire Company; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the "12 for Life" program is an innovative partnership between Southwire
4 Company, North America's largest manufacturer of wire and cable, and the Carroll County
5 School System that allows students to earn wages and school credit simultaneously; and

6 WHEREAS, the partnership is designed to encourage students who may be considering
7 dropping out of school to rethink their options, giving them an opportunity for vocational
8 training while still pursuing their high school diploma; and

9 WHEREAS, before beginning work, the first participating class of 71 students attended
10 orientation programs, were fitted for special steel-toe shoes and safety equipment, and toured
11 a plant near Southwire's headquarters; and

12 WHEREAS, participants manufacture actual Southwire products, work regular hours, and
13 earn actual wages while developing skill sets that will aid them in today's competitive job
14 market; and

15 WHEREAS, the program has attracted the attention of Georgia education officials and
16 institutions such as the University of West Georgia and West Central Technical College; and

17 WHEREAS, vocational training plays an important role in the development of Georgia's
18 economy while creating and maintaining a base for community expansion.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize and commend the "12 for Life" partnership of Carroll County School System and
21 Southwire Company for its laudable efforts toward drop out prevention and for the growth
22 opportunities it provides to the students of Carroll County.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Carroll County School System and
- 3 Southwire Company.